

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
October 13, 2004**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

**Board Members**

Winifred S. Shapiro, Chairman  
Gilbert S. McCutcheon, Vice Chairman  
Jennifer E. Heinz, Secretary-Treasurer  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Glenda M. Blake  
Kevin J. Fay  
Kenneth G. Feng\*  
Georgette Kohler  
George E. Lovelace  
Joanne E. Malone  
Harold L. Strickland  
Frank S. Vajda

\*Arrived at 7:42 p.m.

**Staff**

Michael A. Kane, Director  
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant  
  
Charlie Bittenbring  
Bob Brennan  
Brian Daly  
Judy Pedersen  
  
Gail Croke  
Irish Grandfield  
Doug Petersen  
John Pitts  
Kay Rutledge

Guests: Tom Brady, Chief Operating Officer, Fairfax County Schools  
Tessie Wilson, Fairfax County School Board - Braddock District  
Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, Fairfax County School Board – Providence District

**AGENDA CHANGES**

Mrs. Shapiro asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane suggested that Closed Session 2- Land Acquisition be included with Closed Session 1- Fairfax School Board Discussion on Disposal of School Property at the beginning of the meeting. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

On behalf of the Park Authority Board, Mrs. Shapiro welcomed Joanne Malone back to the meetings after being ill for a few weeks.

Mrs. Shapiro welcomed Tom Brady, Tessie Wilson and Phil Niedzielski-Eichner to the board meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:31 p.m. Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a. Discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body in **all magisterial districts** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2 – 3711(A)(3)

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon.

- Discussion: Fairfax County School Board Discussion on Disposal of School Property
- Update on Land Acquisition in the Mason District
- Update on the FY 2004 – 2005 Land Acquisition Work Plan

The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent.

Land Acquisition Matters were discussed.

At 8:26 p.m. Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Strickland. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with all board members being present.

### **ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.**

**C-1. Discussion: Fairfax County School Board Discussion on Disposal of School Property**

There was no action on this item.

**C-2. Update on Land Acquisition in the Mason District**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the naming consideration on property in Mason District as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone and **APPROVED**.

**C-3. Update on the FY 2004 – 2005 Land Acquisition Work Plan (Countywide)**

There was no action on this item.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes - September 29, 2004, Park Authority Board Meeting**

Mr. Strickland **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the September 29, 2004, Park Authority Board meeting; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED**.

There was no discussion on this item.

**ADMIN-2 Approval - Land Dedication for RZ/FDP 2004-LE-021, Buckman Road**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on October 6, 2004, and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Batten **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding RZ/FDP 2004-LE-021, Buckman Road:

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- The Fairfax County Park Authority requests that the applicant construct and dedicate a new neighborhood park approximately 3 acres in size either onsite or at an alternative site within the area (Attachment 1).

- The applicant should provide at least \$579,980 worth of park and recreational facilities, a minimum of \$224,720 which should be used for developing facilities at a new public neighborhood park.
- The applicant should commit to providing a Phase I Archeological Survey (and additional studies as necessary) of the property to document the presence or absence of cultural resources.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED**.

There was no discussion on this item.

#### **ADMIN-3**

##### **Approval - Land Dedication for PCA 86-C-028-10, Dulles Corner**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on October 6, 2004, and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Ms. Blake **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding PCA 86-C-029-10, Dulles Corner:

- The Fairfax County Park Authority requests that the applicant construct and dedicate a 6.7 acre park to include a full-sized 90' diamond field (350' outfield) with lights and irrigation.
- The applicant should develop a combination of private and public recreational facilities totaling at least \$779,402 onsite.
- The applicant should commit to providing a Phase I Archeological Survey of the property to document the presence or absence of cultural resources.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Batten and **APPROVED**.

There was no discussion on this item.

#### **ADMIN-4**

##### **Approval - Land Dedication for Subdivision Plan 4901-SC-02-1, Spring Hill Farm Land, LLC**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on October 6, 2004, and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Fay **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding Subdivision Plan 4901-SD-02-1, Spring Hill Farm Land, LLC:

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- The Fairfax County Park Authority requests the applicant dedicate the southeast portion of the property identified as Parcel 1, approximately 5.23 acres, to the Park Authority as an addition to Bull Neck Stream Valley Park.
- The applicant should provide a 6-foot wide asphalt trail within Parcel 1 that connects the adjoining parts of Bull Neck Stream Valley Park.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED**.

There was no discussion on this item.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A-1 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2006-FY 2010)**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on October 6, 2004, and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Strickland **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the submission of the Capital Improvement Program (FY 2006-FY 2010) to the Department of Management and Budget and the Department of Planning and Zoning for their review; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED**.

There was no discussion on this item.

### **A-2 Night Riding Pilot Program Proposal**

This item was reviewed by the Park Services Committee on October 6, 2004, and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Strickland **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the eight-month pilot program for night riding at Wakefield Park on designated days and times with the Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts (MORE) providing support through Mountain Bike Patrols; **SECONDED** by Mrs. Heinz.

After Board discussion regarding the use of the parks (managed and stream valley) after dark, Mrs. Shapiro added the following caveats to the MOTION:

1. Appropriate signage should be posted. Ensure that signage makes it clear to the people riding **on a specified night that the approved area consists only of Wakefield Park and does not include Lake Accotink Park.** Night riding at Lake Accotink Park is prohibited.
2. Criteria for this pilot should include whether or not establishing designated nights for night riding does in fact reduce night riding on the other nights when it is not allowed. There should be some attempt to gather data on this. The rationale is that the Park Authority is trying to improve the situation of uncontrolled night riding all the time in these parks by allowing it on certain nights. Staff should monitor to see if it does reduce the night riding on other nights and whether or not we are successful in keeping the night riding out of Lake Accotink and confining it to a redesigned trail system at Wakefield Park.
3. If the Park Authority still has no control over people just riding around at night in parks whenever they want to and if they insist on using Lake Accotink (even though the Park Authority is telling them not to use Lake Accotink), staff should consider if it is possible at night to block the bridge (trail) under Braddock Road.
4. If the pilot does not succeed in either of those goals, the Park Authority should work with the police department to enforce prohibition of night riding in the parks.
5. Through our many arrangements with MORE (Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts) staff should try to convince them to stop advertising night rides in Fairfax County Park Authority parks on their website.

Mr. Strickland and Ms. Heinz accepted these caveats to the MOTION. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

The MOTION was **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS****I-1 Wakefield Skate Park Update**

This item was reviewed by the Park Services Committee on October 6, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Wakefield Skate Park Update. No action was necessary and there was no discussion on this item.

**I-2 Park Authority Board Meeting Schedule, January to December 2005**

The board reviewed the item regarding the Park Authority Board Meeting Schedule, January to December 2005.

Since there were no objections from the Park Authority Board, the Director will proceed to publish the following dates as the regular meeting schedule for 2005.

January	12 and 26	July	13 and 27
February	9 and 23	August Recess	
March	9 and 23	September	14 and 28
April	13 and 27	October	12 and 26
May	11 and 25	November	9*
June	8 and 22	December	14*

\*The second meeting in November and December 2005 could be reinstated if necessary.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- **Oak Hill Preservation Proclamation Signing**

Mrs. Shapiro invited board members to the Oak Hill Preservation Proclamation Signing on Saturday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m. The location is 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road in Annandale.

- **2004 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards Ceremony and Outstanding Volunteer Recognition**

Mrs. Shapiro reminded Board Members that the 2004 Elly Doyle Park Service Awards Ceremony and Outstanding Volunteer Recognition will be held on October 29 at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.

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## **OTHER ACTION**

### **Resolutions for the Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers**

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the Resolutions honoring the Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED**.

After board discussion, Mrs. Shapiro requested that staff provide Board Members with a list of names of volunteers in their respective districts. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

## **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- **Gang Awareness Workshop**

Mr. Kane reported that the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society Northern Virginia Service Area is sponsoring a Gang Awareness Workshop next Wednesday, October 20, 2004, with the support of all the park and recreation agencies in Northern Virginia. The purpose of the workshop is to educate recreation professionals about operating gangs in the Northern Virginia area and to highlight some best practices and recreation programs that are aimed at preventing gang involvement and promoting gang intervention. Several Fairfax County staff members, police, risk management, recreation department staff will be presenters and Congressman Frank Wolf is expected to participate.

The workshop will be held Wednesday, October 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street in Vienna.

- **2004 Park Bond Activity**

Mr. Kane asked Ms. Pedersen to provide an update on Park Bond activities.

Ms. Pedersen reported that the Green Team/Park Partners are active and they have been doing a super job. They have held two organizational meetings and have been placing signs in the parks, and other public areas. Additionally, they and members of this Board have actively been attending community gatherings, back to school nights, and local festivals. Tens of thousands of brochures, ballot questions, and information pieces have been disseminated. Approximately 750 signs will be placed prior to Election Day. The Green Team/Park Partners are doing a great job.

The Green Team/Park Partners are also writing letters to the editor for local publications. Additionally, although they have raised significant dollars, the Green Team/Park Partners do

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require further donations in order to cover expenses. Ms. Ormsby wished to thank all who had contributed so far and remind others that there is still time to contribute.

The Public Information Office and the Planning Division efforts have been on-going in support of the bond and our advocates.

A presentation was made last month to the McLean Citizens (MCA) Association Tax Committee which focused on the bond and general budget issues. Seema Arjawat presented that evening. Another presentation was made to the MCA Board by Chris Cole of the citizens' bond committee, Board Member Kevin Fay and Supervisor Joan Dubois. All four bonds were endorsed.

Park Authority staff attended a citizen meeting at Chantilly Bible Church.

The Office of Public Affairs (OPA) has hosted two meetings of the 2004 bond citizen committee, and at the last meeting, representatives from affected agencies, including the Park Authority, briefed committee members about the specifics of proposed projects to be funded with bond monies.

Through the speaker's bureau, the Bond Committee has responded to 21 requests for speakers to date. These requests come from Homeowners' Associations (HOA), civic groups and the like. Dozens of calls from citizens, and e-mails have been responded to by the Park Authority.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce endorsed all four bonds on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber will run a supportive article in the November edition of its newsletter.

The League of Women Voter's of the Fairfax Area has included information about all four bond questions in their "2004 Voter Guide" and their "What's on the Ballot" flyer.

A presentation was made to the Athletic Council which outlines plans for improvements at 62 fields and the construction of more than one dozen new fields.

Informational cards were designed and printed in-house and 2,000 have been disseminated. Nearly one dozen different information pieces are available electronically and in hard copy, and have been utilized as needed. Press kits have been distributed as well.

The Park Authority e-news document was distributed this month with a county attorney approved introduction that provided park bond information. This went via e-mail to 5,594 subscribers.

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Approximately 10,000 copies of brochures and other bond materials have been placed in our RECenters, nature centers and golf facilities. More than 339,000 bond pamphlets were mailed countywide -- going to every county resident, and the plain English statements will be provided to voters at polling places.

Through media outreach efforts, 14 print stories have been generated, including a Washington Post article and stories specifically about the park bonds in the Connection, South County Chronicle and Times Community papers. Connection reporter Ari Cetron will be writing a forthcoming story about the parks bonds. Bonnie Hobbs is working on a bond story. This evening, TV Channel 8 will air a story about the transportation bonds and on Monday they will carry a piece on the park bond. This will be shared with Channel 7. Additionally, we are working with the Post to provide the materials they need to highlight our bond in the Voter's Guide.

Next Tuesday at 10 a.m., we will host a media briefing at Lake Fairfax. We will present the highlights of the "renovation" bond to the press with the design work and plans for that site's renovation as the focal point. All Board members are welcome. Park Authority Board Chairman Shapiro will be the featured speaker and we have asked the Regional Park Authority and members of the Green Team as well.

The Park Authority's website is up-to-date with all of the material and is very informational. The Park Authority's website is

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/2004bond.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/2004bond.htm).

The OPA created a Web page to showcase information about bonds:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE RECORD**

**NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting. Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority Board meeting each month.**

## **BOARD MATTERS**

- **Incident at Mount Vernon RECenter**

Mr. McCutcheon reported that there had been an incident at Mount Vernon RECenter on Tuesday, October 12, 2004. Someone had started a fire in one of the recycling bins. Smoke from the fire blew into the RECenter forcing staff to close the RECenter for a while due to the unsafe conditions.

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- **Thank You to Board and Staff**

Ms. Malone thanked the Park Authority Board and staff for their cards and e-mails.

Ms. Malone stated that she appreciated the support during her illness, and now she can see better and expects to be able to start driving soon.

Again, Ms. Malone thanked everyone for their support.

- **Park Bond Support**

Ms. Malone reported that she and John Mastenbrook had placed signs in support of the Park Bond along Route 50 and Lee Highway.

Ms. Malone also stated that she is expecting a letter to come from Supervisor Smyth's office indicating the need for passage of the upcoming Park Bond.

- **Welcome Back to Ms. Malone**

In welcoming Ms. Malone back to the board meetings, Mr. Vajda said that it was good to see Ms. Malone at the meeting and 'Nott-a-way'.

- **Presentation at McLean Citizens' Association**

Mr. Fay thanked Ms. Pedersen for the informational slide presentation that he used at the McLean Citizens' Association meeting on October 6. The presentation helped to turn around the association's opposition to the upcoming Park Bond.

- **McLean High Park**

Mr. Fay reported that he has been "fielding" questions regarding the rumors about the sale of McLean High Park.

- **Kudo to Staff**

Mr. Fay commended John Pitts for working with the neighbors next to Nike Park and dealing with the issues to open the park.

- **Welcome Back to Ms. Malone**

Mr. Batten welcomed Ms. Malone back to the board meeting.

- **Supervisor Kauffman's Town Meeting**

Mr. Batten reported that he would be attending Supervisor Kauffman's Town Meeting on Saturday, October 23 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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- **Open House at Historic Huntley**  
Mr. Batten invited Board Members to attend the Open House at Historic Huntley on Saturday, October 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Batten regrets that he will be unable to attend because he will be attending Supervisor Kauffman's Town Meeting on the same date.
- **Resource Management Volunteer Excellence Award Reception**  
Mr. Lovelace reported that he had attended the Resource Management Volunteer Excellence Award Reception, which was held at the Great Falls Grange on Saturday, October 2. Mr. Lovelace stated that he had the opportunity to present some of the awards.  
  
Mr. Lovelace commended Mona Enquist-Johnston and Cindy Messinger for a fabulous event. Mr. Lovelace commented on the Park Authority volunteers for their years of dedicated service and their willingness to continue volunteering.
- **There were no other BOARD MATTERS reported.** Board Members Strickland, Feng, Heinz, Kohler and Blake had no board matters.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 8:49 p.m. Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED**.

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Jennifer E. Heinz  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Michael A. Kane, Director

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